

Editor Democrat.

In a comparatively small matter, Mr. Phillips, of Missouri, will to-day do one of the most suggestive things possible in Congress. He will introduce a bill to restore West Point Academy to the status it had twenty years ago. It is not very important to the country at large that West Point is now "run" by a Major General with a large staff, instead of a quiet school under charge of the Engineer Corps, with a Colonel for Superintendent, but there is much to think of and to regret in the fact that nearly every branch of the government has been stuffed and padded gorgeously and ornamented in the same manner. Republicans and even some Democrats find fault with Speaker Randall and other Democrats because they cry out for retrenchment and economy, yet, I venture the assertion and make it after almost a generation of observation, that in several departments of the Government in this city the practical sinecures are almost as numerous as the really necessary places. When E. B. Washburn and H. E. Dawes demanded reform and economy in the public expenditure they were not heeded by their Republican associates in the House, and nearly every abuse they denounced exists to-day. Holmes and Randall among Democrats accomplished something but more was left undone.

How much money the Government shall spend, if any, for internal improvements, for educational purposes, for subsidies to American shipping, or for other interests, is a fair question for discussion, and I don't mean in this letter to reflect upon any Democrat for voting on either side, but when it is once settled that a dollar shall be used for any purpose there is no doubt but it is every legislator's duty, not only to see that the money is properly used, but that another dollar is not spent in distributing it. The proposed bill of Mr. Phillips is, therefore, admirable, and I hope it will have a good effect in affairs far more important and enormously more expensive than West Point. Profligate legislation, whether it comes from the profusion of war times or from any other source, ought to be "swept away."

The House passed last week three appropriation bills, and attempted on Saturday to vote on a fourth, but no quorum was present. To-day, probably, the requisite 147 Democratic members will be got together and the bill passed, but I do not anticipate any further legislation before the holiday recess. The refunding bill will certainly go over until the re-assembling of Congress in January.

The Senate last week, by a non-partisan vote, passed a bill turning over to the Secretary of the Treasury as an educational fund the proceeds of the public lands and the profits derived by Government from the operations of the Patent Office. For ten years the interest on the fund will be used in those States and Territories having the greatest number of persons over ten years of age who can not read and write. Thereafter in proportion to the school population. Government pays interest at four per cent on the fund.

NEMO.

The United States Senatorship. Washington Correspondence Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday.

There are Democrats, and some of the Republicans of the Legislature, who hope to arrange, by a combination with the friends of some of the candidates, to choose a decent specimen of the ilk to succeed Hon. Frank Hereford, one of the present incumbents, whose term expires this winter.

Among the gentlemen mentioned in connection with the position, probably

GOVERNOR H. M. MATHEWS may be said to be the most prominent. Before his election as Governor he was an attorney in the southeastern part of the State, and he is possessed of all the Old Virginia prejudices and ideas, or alleged ideas, which are so odious to cis-mountain West Virginians, and while he will have some support from his own section, his strength will not be great.

HON. J. N. CAMDEN, of Parkersburg, seems to have the lead of his competitors. He is known as a shrewd and competent business man, has an extensive acquaintance among the leading men of the State, some experience in public affairs, and a "baptism." But he is connected with the Standard Oil Company, and that being said, his weakness as a candidate for the suffrages of men, many of whom

are or have been small operators in oil or oil land, will be seen.

JUDGE JOHN BRANNON

is probably the most desirable Democrat in whose interest the formation of a combination can be hoped. He is a shrewd attorney, a just Judge, and a man of experience in all the walks of life, and his strength lies in the respect accorded his learning and ability, and the confidence reposed in his integrity by men of all parties.

FRANK HEREFORD, the present incumbent, is the other prominent candidate. A friendly disposition would be best evinced by saying little about him. Besides, he needs no apology at my hands.

For he's the public's now, and fame's; Praise were out worth my while—One of the few, the immortal names That always walk a smile.

DARK HORSES

are hinted at, among them being Hon. E. G. Cracraft, of this city, a man who has few superiors in ability, attainments, or integrity among the public men of his party and State. Another is Captain "Bob" Dennis, of Greenbrier county, a warm-hearted, great-souled, "Old Virginia gentleman," in the best sense of the word—chivalrous, faithful to his friends, and "a good hater," where hate is just.

Special Dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.

The Senatorial vacancy which will be created in West Virginia after the 4th of March next, by the expiration of the term of Senator Hereford, promises to make a lively canvass among the several applicants for the place. A gentleman well versed in the politics of the State was asked to-day what he thought of the chances of Hon. J. N. Camden, of Parkersburg. He answered: "I know Camden well. He is a noble-hearted, broad-minded and honest man. He has official relations with the Standard Oil Company, none with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and at the proper time he will doubtless make a truthful, open and square statement of his position upon the questions raised against him and his relations to those Corporations, and he will do it with enough independence to carry conviction of the truthfulness of what he says. He cares more to be right than to be even a Senator. Mr. Camden's highest ambition for the remainder of his life is to aid in the development of our State. He is a man of energy, great force of character and considerable means, and he is willing to devote all these to the development of the wonderful natural resources of the State and to the advancement of the interests of her people. If the people shall think he can better accomplish this by occupying a seat in the Senate, where he will be brought into constant contact with capitalists and the wide-awake men of the country, he will accept the place, but he will enter into no intrigue for it; nor will he occupy any doubtful position in order to obtain it."

"Senator Davis," said the gentleman, "is now at the head of a railroad enterprise, which, when completed, will develop an important section of West Virginia, and so deeply has he the success of this enterprise at heart that he will probably resign his seat in the Senate before the 4th of March, in order to devote all his time and energies to its accomplishment. Mr. Camden is equally in earnest about building a road from Parkersburg through Jackson and Boone counties to Charleston, and one from Charleston through Braxton to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. If a position in the Senate would enable him in assisting the inauguration of these enterprises the State would be largely the gainer. West Virginia is destined to become a vast hive of manufacturing industry from the Northern to the Eastern Panhandle and to the Great Kanawha. She has salt, she has coal, she has iron, she has timber, and her hills are wonderfully well adapted to the growing of wool. All these industries will need to participate in that protection which a wise and a properly adjusted tariff gives, and in this belief Mr. Camden is a firm protectionist. With a most beautiful and equitable climate, abundance of water, cheap coal and timber, and the facilities for labor to live cheaply, we can compete with any section of America in manufacturing, and with a few broad-minded, able and liberal men to lead in the work, the next decade will see West Virginia on the high road to the front."

From the Buckhannon Delta

One of the important duties of our next Legislature, this winter, will be the election of a United States Senator, and there are several aspirants and much conjecturing as to who will be the coming man. Those most prominently spoken of are Hon. John Brammon, Judge Haymond, Governor H. M. Mathews, Johnson N. Camden, and the present incumbent, Hon. Frank Hereford. The indications are that Judge Brannon will develop a good deal of strength in the contest. He has ability, dignity and personal popularity, and we believe will be a credit to our little Mountain State if elected. One thing that we think speaks well for him, is the fact that the Republican papers generally are favoring him. Any one who is acquainted with Judge Brannon knows that this is not from political consideration, but if the mantle must fall upon a Democrat, they prefer to have it fall upon one of the ablest and best. We believe there is one other consideration that ought to be

favorable to his election, and that is, the location. The extreme ends of the State have been favored for a long time, now we think that the central portion of the State should be represented.

From the Parkersburg State Journal.

Some of the brethren of the Democratic Senatorial persuasion are firing away through their emissaries all along the line at our distinguished fellow citizen, J. N. Camden. These gentlemen must be worried, possibly frightened, at Camden's apparent vantage ground. Is it because they have not the courage to meet him openly in the fair contest? From all the indications this Senatorial contest promises to be an interesting one.

Last week the Journal made a suggestion that the Republican members of the Legislature stand aloof from this contest until they see the way clear to make a close connection with some acceptable Democrat who is sound on the question in which the people of all parties take an interest.

A few days ago the Wheeling Intelligencer published a very timely editorial on the Senatorial situation. In that article it was suggested that the "transportation question" is now, and must continue to be an absorbing one until it is settled in a proper manner by Congress. It further suggested that the candidates for Senatorial honors come to the front and enlighten the people as to where they stand on this question.

There are several other questions which we would like to see ventilated, if these gentlemen act on the Intelligencer's advice. Among others we may mention the tariff question; the Southern question, the development of our State by railroads and the improvement of our navigable streams, especially in West Virginia.

To handle these questions demands statesmanship and good business qualities of no mean order. Besides, these questions are vitally important to the people, to their prosperity and advancement, and no man who seeks to serve them in so important a place as the United States Senate can afford to ignore them.

Instead of waging this petty war upon Camden it would be well for his competitors to enlighten the public on these questions.

If they cannot occupy their time more profitably than by these silly raids on Camden, they may find that they have mistaken the popular feeling on the subject of choosing a United States Senator. This subject is of too much importance to the people of this State to be relegated to the cave of the winds or to the fish market of Billingsgate.

It may be remarked, and possibly with justice, that this is not our funeral. In one sense it is not. But then we like to see "fair play and no gonging," even if it is a Democratic set-to. Nearly every prominent Democrat in the State has had his share of the plunder, the "swag" and the honors; but Camden, whose long purse has been potent when Democratic principles (?) have been in danger is to be ignored—crushed.

In the language of an eminent Democratic Speaker of the House of Delegates, it don't look as if it could be done as things look "at this stage of the game."

"No man touched or stained with fraud should be allowed to hold his seat. Send such men home and let them stay there until sent back by honest votes. We must have honest elections or the republic must fall. Illegal voting must be considered and punished as a crime."—Robert G. Ingersoll.

With Beecher becoming a pronounced Free-Trader and Ingersoll going back on the Republican party and Mr. Hayes in that style, things look like a break-up.—Free Press

The Census of West Virginia.

We publish below the official report of the census of West Virginia, in advance of its publication at Washington, the tables having been obtained by the Wheeling Register's correspondent from Senator Henry G. Davis.

The total population of the State is shown to be 618,197, which is an aggregate increase over the population of 1870 of 176,183, or 39 per cent in favor of the census of 1880.

A comparison of the population of the respective counties in 1870 and 1880, shows that the counties which have made the largest gains are Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Doddridge, Fayette, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wayne, Wetzel and Wood.

All of the above named counties have added over three thousand to their population in the last decade. Kanawha has made the largest accession to her population of any county in the State, making an increase of 16,117. Ohio county comes next, with an increase of 8,626, and Wood county next, her increase being 6,006.

The other counties not named above, with a few exceptions, added about 2,000 to their population, respectively. Hancock, Mercer and Monroe have made very

Barbour	11,870
Berkeley	17,380
Boone	5,824
Braxton	9,787
Brooke	6,013
Cabell	13,746
Calhoun	6,074
Clay	3,460
Doddridge	10,552
Fayette	11,560
Gilmer	7,108
Grant	5,542
Greenbrier	15,000
Hampshire	10,366
Hancock	4,880
Hardy	6,794
Harrison	20,171
Jackson	16,312
Jefferson	15,005
Kanawha	32,466
Lewis	13,270
Lincoln	8,739
Logan	7,329
McDowell	3,074
Marion	17,198
Marshall	18,840
Mason	22,293
Mercer	7,467
Mineral	8,629
Monongalia	14,985
Monroe	11,501
Morgan	5,777
Nicholas	7,223
Ohio	37,457
Pendleton	8,022
Pleasants	6,255
Pocahontas	5,591
Preston	19,040
Putnam	11,376
Raleigh	7,367
Randolph	8,102
Ritchie	13,474
Roane	12,184
*Summers	8,836
Taylor	11,464
Tucker	3,151
Tyler	11,072
Upshur	10,249
Wayne	14,738
Webster	3,207
Wetzel	13,896
Wirt	7,150
Wood	25,006
Wyoming	4,322
Total	618,197

*A difference of about two hundred names in this county yet unaccounted for.

NOTICE.

Stockholder's Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the National Exchange Bank of Weston, West Virginia, for the election of Directors, will be held at the Banking House in Weston, January 11th, 1881.

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Cashier.

December 8th, 1880.

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